

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2017**

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jonathan Luse, Jr. on Monday, March 6, 2017 with the following members present: Kathy Johnson, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Jordan Johnson, John Diebel, Steve Zutter and Lisa McKenzie.

Absent: Peter Mackin, Jeff Lang, Peter Wickley

Guest/Staff: Mark Mountz, Glenn Anderson

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Zutter to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the February 23, 2017 Cleaning & Televising bids for sewer main inspections.

-Heard that State Treasurer Nick Khouri, approved a 15 year MTEC SmartZone extension from 2018 to 2032.

-Reviewed new house and building permits issued by Houghton County for 2016.

-Heard the final master plan meeting is scheduled for March 20th.

-Heard the Planning Commission on Feb. 27th approved the non-motorized plan prepared by the city's bike and pedestrian ad hoc committee over the last 2 years.

-Heard Allyson Jabusch was requesting the City to try to acquire the land that the labyrinth is located on along Navy St. by the lift bridge

-Heard the City has hired OHM Advisors to prepare the beach dock design

-Learned that the Planning Commission has recommended that the City sell the 805 Warren St. lot now that the City demolished the blighted house last fall.

-Heard the HCMCF is holding a ground breaking ceremony on March 13th for its \$8 million rehab project.

-Reviewed the letter from Jim Northey, Northern Perspectives, LLC notifying the City it's not accepting a \$160,000 MSHDA grant for renovations of 4 apts on the 3rd floor.

-Heard McLain State Park is applying for funding to develop an infrastructure relocation plan/master plan.

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-Heard McLain State Park has secured \$1.45 million in DNR funds to implement phase 1 of its construction to relocate campground sites away from high eroding areas.

The DDA discussed the status of the possible redevelopment of the Isaacson building located at 224/226 Quincy St. and that roof repairs will be occurring.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by K. Johnson to increase the 6 month downtown winter parking fee from \$10.00 a month to \$20.00 a month, or from \$120.00 to \$240.00 effective November 1, 2017.

The DDA reviewed the Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation filing with the PSC to pay for and install two Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) electric generation units for \$225 million, one in Negaunee Twp. and Baraga Twp.

The DDA heard that SEMCO has petitioned the PSC to pay for and install a new 42 mile national gas pipeline Marquette connector at a projected cost of \$140 million. The expected residential rate increase per month is \$3.99 for all SEMCO customers.

Mark Mountz, owner of General Glass, 128 Hancock St. was present to request a façade grant for the 118 Hancock Street building and garage he purchased last week. His plan is to reside the garage and install new overhead doors, remove the deteriorated front stems, cover the crumbling foundation, reside with vinyl the 3 sides and repair the front of the building and pave some of the parking lot. He plans to keep the first floor commercial, and one apartment on the 2nd floor. Lisa McKenzie discussed the siding color options.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by K. Johnson to approve up to a \$10,000 façade grant based on a one to one owners match.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by J. Johnson to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-tem